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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
INFO USMISSION NATO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MPOL, UK

SUBJECT:UK DEFENSE CUTS

REF: USNATO 6868

WE ARE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION OF  
WHERE 1977-78 DEFENSE CUTS ANNOUNCED DEC. 15 ARE LIKELY TO  
FALL. GIVEN INDICATIONS THAT 1977-78 DEFENSE BUDGET MUST BE  
READY IN MOD BY JANUARY 4, BRITISH MAY HAVE ALREADY FORMED  
SOME IDEAS REGARDING DETAILS OF THE POUNDS 100 MILLION CUT.  
THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH MOD AT AN APPROPRIATE  
LEVEL AND REQUEST ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER  
ASAP. AT THIS STAGE WE WOULD APPRECIATE EDUCATED GUESSES  
OR PREDICTIONS EVEN IF NO FIRM DECISIONS HAVE YET BEEN MADE.

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